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Interpreting the News

New Education May Be Danger To Soviet Union

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Allen Dulles, America's top intelligence man, has an interesting theory that Russia's new improved preparatory school system, needed for the production of scientists and technicians will eventually wreck the Soviet.

His idea is that mass education will in time produce a sufficient number of questing minds to penetrate the fog of ignorance in which the top Communist leaders attempt to keep the people, and so reveal to them the faults of their country's system.

The Red regime already has acknowledged, through the greater liberty given its scientists for pure research as against the previous requirements for integrating scientific theory with ideology, that science cannot be kept under wraps.

If they ever acknowledge that economics can't either, then they will have taken a long step toward true co-existence with the rest of the world, as against the ambush which they now attempt.

There is a difference, however, between the development of questing minds against a background of deliberately supplied misinformation and the type of quest to which the world is accustomed, in which minds are handicapped only by a vacuum of knowledge.

For social re-orientation in the world, Russian thinkers will need historical truths which have not been available to them for more than a generation.

They need to know how civilized attitudes have developed but they are denied the bible of all the great religions.

They need to know about democratic integration of the welfare of the state with the greatest good for the individual, something their leaders deny exists.

There are grandfathers in the Soviet Union who remember about these things, but who cannot speak. Russia's young thinkers have only what they have been told by the dictators, and that is mostly poison against the outside world.

Dulles admits that the advance of Russian thinking toward recognition of what the rest of the world considers fundamental truths will be a great deal slower in the fields of the humanities and economics than in science where theories are more susceptible to proof.

He says the prospect is sufficiently visible, however, to create a real dilemma for the Communists, who must have the scientists and technicians, must get them from a vast pot of people with broad general educations.

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